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bill that is entitled to 15 minutes of debate, and during that process an amendment is offered, and somebody makes a motion to divide that question or to amend the amendment. Let's say it's a motion to amend the amendment. The 15 minutes are expired, that's 15 minutes used on the bill. Then you have to vote on the amendment to the amendment, and at that time somebody will call the house and will ask for a roll call vote on the amendment to the amendment. We take time to get everybody into the Chamber and that may take 2 to 3 minutes, maybe 5 minutes. So let's say 3 minutes, that would be 18 minutes, and you vote on the amendment to the amendment. Then after that is totaled, then comes the vote on the underlying amendment. And, again, if nobody has left, you don't have to ask for a call of the house but you ask for a roll call vote, and let's say that takes 2 minutes. That would be 2 minutes added to the 20 minutes, 22 minutes. Then you vote on the bill. So take all of those steps, and if somebody does not like the way this rule is crafted, I assure you there is at least one person who will carry us through that. Twenty-seven minutes you might spend on a bill. How many bills can you get processed in an hour? Well, 3 times 27 is more than 60. What is it, 80 something? Anyway, three bills and you spend more than an hour. How is that process considered efficient? If one of these bills were not on consent calendar but maybe being considered when it ordinarily came up, it may be processed in fewer than 15 minutes.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You know why there were problems with consent calendar in the past, and we have had consent calendar? Because people will have done something to me that I felt was unfair and I told them, well, I am going to get you back. So when your bill comes up on consent calendar, I will do to you what you did to me. Now this might sound arrogant, but if you want to have consent calendar, don't offend me. Since we're being very blunt about every thing and I'm the cause of all the problems around here, don't offend me and you can have consent calendar as you've always had it. But if you decide to put this bad piece of legislation in place for the sake of the process, I will do exactly as I've outlined.